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1. The amendment filed on May 27, 2004 and the request filed on June 30, 2004 both are not considered, thus, the second (or subsequent) supplemental reply filed on May 27, 2004 was not entered because entry of the reply would unduly interfere with the preparation of the Office action. See 37 CFR 1.111(a)(2). The examiner spent a significant amount of time on the preparation of an Office action before the reply was received. On the date of receipt of the reply, the examiner had completed the drafting of the Office action and was waiting for the supervisory Patent examiner's approval.

Furthermore, entry of the reply would require significant additional time in the preparation of the Office action. Specifically, entry of the reply would require the examiner to conduct prior art search in another classification area that was not previously searched and required.

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zhuo H Li whose telephone number is 703-305-3846. The examiner can normally be reached on Tue-Fri 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m..


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Kim can be reached on 703-305-3821. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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